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**MANCHESTER MAN SENTENCED ON SUBORNATION OF PERJURY  
AND DRUG OFFENSES**

**Re: United States v. Paul Spelas**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE:** United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and N.H. State Police Colonel Gary Sloper announced that **PAUL SPELAS**, date of birth, March 1, 1957, of Manchester, NH was sentenced today on charges of suborning perjury in a federal criminal trial and illegally possessing marijuana.

SPELAS was arrested for DWI in the Town of Bow on April 11, 2001 by a State Trooper, which lead to the seizure of marijuana and a loaded .38 caliber handgun from his automobile. At his plea hearing on January 23, 2003, before U.S. District Paul J. Barbadoro, SPELAS admitted to persuading a Wolfeboro man to commit perjury in a federal criminal trial by claiming that Spelas was unaware of the gun in his vehicle on the date of his arrest.

Judge Barbadoro imposed a sentence of 96 months (8 years) imprisonment, the maximum allowable penalties on each of the charges – five years on the subornation of perjury charge, and three years on the marijuana possession charge.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated: “The integrity of the judicial process in our federal district courts is of paramount importance, and this stiff sentence emphasizes that subornation of perjury and other misconduct to obstruct justice will be aggressively prosecuted by this office.”

The conviction resulted from an investigation conducted by the N.H. State Police (Troop D Barracks, Concord) and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. The prosecution was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante.